

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 17, 21-28, and 32-36, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and amend the following claim.

31. (Twice Amended) The complex according to claim 29 or 30, wherein the protein [or antibody, or both protein and antibody,] of the complex is labeled with an immunoassay label selected from the group consisting of a radioactive label, an enzymatic label, a fluorescent label, a chemiluminescent label, and a chromophore label.

REMARKS

Applicants courteously request reconsideration and reexamination of this application.

The Title of the invention has been amended to reflect the invention as presently claimed.

Claims 17, 21-28, and 32-36 have been cancelled, without prejudice, for the sole purpose of advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in this or another application.

In addition, claim 31 has been amended to recite labeling the protein of complex, rather than labeling the protein or antibody of the complex. This amendment has been made for the sole purpose of advancing the prosecution of this application. Because the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.